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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 § CFR 1.56**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA-AQ cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. Copies of references AA-AQ were submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in connection with U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/152,060 filed September 11, 1998 to which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the Examiner is respectfully directed to the above-listed files for copies of references AA-AQ.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR §§ 1.104(a) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered during the prosecution of this application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed reference(s) and that the reference(s) be made of record in the file history of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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